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PROVO, UTAH, Dec. 8, 1905.

First District Court.

Durham was yesterday transferred before Judge Smith as follows: The jury in the Hardy-McCall case returned a verdict of not guilty.

Ed. H. Hadden was tried on the charge of larceny, alleged to have been committed with Josephine Hadden of American Fork, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Miss Hadden is the young lady who arranged to marry Hadden, and accompanied Hadden and a Mr. Watson to Green River, and returned home.

Watson was tried on the charge of larceny at the last term of court, and served a term in the penitentiary for the offense.

Miss Hadden has been arrested at the Green River school.

Mrs. Mary E. Van Gorder, of Mammoth, Utah county, was granted a divorce from H. Van Gorder on the ground of desertion.

The mining suit of John W. White and Leatham Brothers came on for trial. On December 1st, 1905, plaintiffs located in Tropic mining district the Mountain View claim, and on June 1st, 1905, defendants located the same claim.

Charles and Joseph respectively owning the same ground. The plaintiffs pray for an injunction, which is granted by the court on the ground that plaintiffs have not performed the annual assessment work required by law.

Mrs. Emma Van Patten entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of murder. The case was set for trial.

King Patton and James Hays, two Payson boys, were arraigned on the charge of burglarizing Mackay's saloon in Payson. The statutory time for pleading was taken.

Grand Jury Report.

The grand jury has completed its labors. Following is the substance of the final report submitted:

We have been in session fifteen days—have investigated thirty-three complaints, and examined 125 witnesses.

There were thirteen United States cases; nine indictments were found, three cases ignored, one recommended, and one turned over to the grand jury of the Third district court.

There were sixteen Territorial cases; twelve indictments were found, six cases ignored, and one new recommendation to the next grand jury. The Utah county jail is in excellent condition. We have recommended that there be no change placed on the windows of the jail, inside the building to prevent any look or weapon from being passed in.

We learn from official members of our body that some of the public prisons of the district are in a bad condition, but we have not visited them, as no provision has been made for making payments. We recommended that these provisions be made for future grand juries.

The report is signed by Otto F. Almsberg, foreman, and Ed. Hadden, clerk.

Notes.

Case Hilda was seen on the streets yesterday, a little better and thinner than during her trial.

There is much speculation as to whether John C. Graham, editor of the Enquirer, has been indicted by the grand jury which has just adjourned, for criminal libel on H. H. Irvine, presiding judge of election in the Fifth ward. The Enquirer stated on the authority of H. H. Irvine, another judge of election, that Mr. Irvine poisoned two of the ballots. Mr. Irvine was charged yesterday going into the grand jury room with a ballot box in his hand.

A REMOVED RICK.

OUR FIRST BOY EXPLODES AGAIN THE CHURCHES.

Referring to some old-time ricks, the Director and Superintendent has the following description of a new that stands unparalleled in this country, or perhaps any other, taken from an old western paper. It has passed from the memory of many and will be new to the public at large.

In 1850, Mr. Joseph, Mo., was the terminus of railroad communication. Beyond the stage coach, the saddle horse, the ox team and yoke and harness were the means of transportation thence to the Rockies and the Pacific slope.

In the winter of 1850 there was a Wall Street letter of Wallingford trying to get \$50,000,000 for carrying the mail overland for one year between New York and San Francisco. The proposition was extremely cheeky, and William H. Russell, backed by Secretary of War Floyd, resolved to give the lady a cold shower bath. He then wrote the letter—100 miles in ten days. The letter was taken and April 15th found upon the day for starting.

Mr. Russell relied upon his partner and general manager of business upon the plains, A. H. Miller, and asked him if he could perform the feat.

Miller replied:

"Yes, sir, I will do it, and by a pony express."

To accomplish this Miller purchased 300 of the best horses he could find in the West and employed 125 men. Eighty of these men were to be paid riders. These he selected with care, and in their light weight and horse courage. It was very essential that the horses be loaded as light as possible, therefore, the lighter the man the better. It was necessary that each portion of the route should be made at the rate of twenty miles an hour.

The horses were selected from ten to twenty miles apart, and each rider would be required to ride sixty miles. For the change of animals and the shifting of the mail, two men were required. Where there were no stage routes at present, the riders were required to make a single mile in ten.

A party of riders being completed, a signal gun on the plains was fired, and the riders started on their journey.

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